

FISCAL NOTE

HB 4185 - SB 4119

March 2, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds a definition of “limited resource waters” to the Water Quality Control Act (WQCA) and excludes such waters from regulation by the Act. Requires the Water Quality Control Board to promulgate classification of such waters by December 31, 2008.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

State Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant

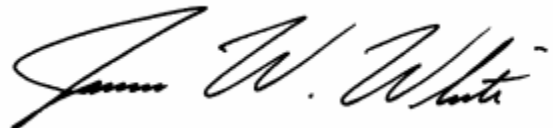
Other Fiscal Impact – Removing these waters from regulation by the WQCA places the state in conflict with the federal Clean Water Act and will place approximately \$2,100,000 in federal funds in jeopardy.

Assumptions:

- Any decrease in state expenditures associated with a reduction in enforcement requirements for the Department of Environment and Conservation is estimated to be not significant.
- Any increase in state expenditures associated with revising and implementing procedures concerning such waters is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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